

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01081-CJN**

MALONE et al v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE et al  
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/08/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
05/08/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5468913) filed by PATRICK MALONE, CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY, PRATHEEK REBALA. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons to State Dept, # <u>3</u> Summons to Energy Dept, # <u>4</u> Summons to U.S. Atty, # <u>5</u> Summons to Atty Gen)(Smith, Peter) (Attachment 1 replaced on 5/8/2018) (zsth). (Entered: 05/08/2018)
05/08/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY (Smith, Peter) (Main Document 2 replaced on 5/9/2018) (ztnr). (Entered: 05/08/2018)
05/08/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zsth) (Entered: 05/08/2018)
05/08/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zsth) (Entered: 05/08/2018)
05/14/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/14/2018. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/13/2018. (Smith, Peter) (Entered: 05/14/2018)
06/05/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY served on 5/18/2018, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/18/2018. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Return Receipt - DOE, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Return Receipt - Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Exhibit USPS letter re State Dep't)(Smith, Peter) (Entered: 06/05/2018)
06/11/2018	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 6/11/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Return Receipt - State Dep't)(Smith, Peter) (Entered: 06/11/2018)
06/13/2018	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 06/13/2018)
06/15/2018	<u>8</u>	MINUTE ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before June 29, 2018. The Joint Status Report shall include: (1) the status of Plaintiffs' FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiffs' FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiffs; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether

		the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 6/15/2018. (lcapm2) (Entered: 06/15/2018)
06/15/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties Joint Status Report due on or before June 29, 2018. (ldc) (Entered: 06/15/2018)
06/29/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Peterson, Benton) (Entered: 06/29/2018)
07/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report, the parties are directed to file another Joint Status Report on or before September 5, 2018, that updates the court on their search and production efforts and, if necessary, proposes a briefing schedule for summary judgment. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 7/2/2018. (lcapm2) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
07/02/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/5/2018. (kt) (Entered: 07/02/2018)
09/05/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY, PATRICK MALONE, PRATHEEK REBALA. (Smith, Peter) (Entered: 09/05/2018)
09/06/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>10</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before December 4, 2018. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 9/6/2018. (lcapm2) (Entered: 09/06/2018)
09/06/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/4/2018. (zjd) (Entered: 09/07/2018)
12/04/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEGRITY, PATRICK MALONE, PRATHEEK REBALA. (Smith, Peter) (Entered: 12/04/2018)
12/05/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, the parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before March 4, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/5/2018. (lcapm2) (Entered: 12/05/2018)
12/05/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/4/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 12/06/2018)
03/01/2019	<u>12</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Derek S. Hammond on behalf of All Defendants (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 03/01/2019)
03/04/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 03/04/2019)
03/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file their next Joint Status Report no later than June 2, 2019, updating the court on Defendants' production efforts. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/6/2019. (lcapm2) (Entered: 03/06/2019)
03/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/2/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 03/10/2019)
05/31/2019	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 05/31/2019)
06/03/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file their next Joint Status Report no later than August 30, 2019, updating the court on Defendants' production efforts. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 6/3/2019. (lcapm2) (Entered: 06/03/2019)
06/03/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/30/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 06/03/2019)
06/24/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Amit P. Mehta is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
08/30/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Hammond, Derek) (Entered: 08/30/2019)
09/03/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall submit an additional Joint Status Report by December 2, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on September 3, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 09/03/2019)

09/03/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Joint Status Report due by 12/2/2019. (zcdw) (Entered: 09/05/2019)
11/27/2019	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by William J. Chang on behalf of All Defendants (Chang, William) (Entered: 11/27/2019)
12/02/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Chang, William) (Entered: 12/02/2019)
12/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>17</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report on or before January 31, 2020. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on December 2, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 12/02/2019)
12/02/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Parties Additional Joint Status Report due by 1/31/2020. (mac) (Entered: 12/02/2019)